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SECOND LEAD IKE-RUSSIAN By Ed Creagh

GETTYSBURG, PA., JAN. 1 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TOLD THE LEADERS OF RUSSIA TODAY "IT SEEMS TO US CRITICALLY IMPORTANT" THAT THE SOVIETS WORK TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE BERLIN SITUATION.

THE PRESIDENT, WHO IS SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS AT HIS COUNTRY HOME HERE, MADE THE STATEMENT IN A CABLED REPLY TO TWO TOP SOVIETS WHO VOICED HOPE IN A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE THAT DECISIVE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN IN 1959 TOWARD REMOVING "THE DANGERS OF A NEW WAR."

THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WAS WITH SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AND U. S. S. R. PRESIDENT VOROSHILOV, WHO SENT EISENHOWER AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE EAST-WEST COLD WAR COULD BE ENDED AND THE ARMS RACE SLOWED "WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING DANGEROUS TENSIONS."

EISENHOWER EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE MESSAGE BUT AT THE SAME TIME VOICED HOPE THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD ACT ACCORDING TO THEIR EXPRESSED SENTIMENTS.

HE WENT ON TO SAY:

"AS OF THIS MOMENT IT SEEMS TO US CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO APPLY THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN YOUR MESSAGE TO THE BERLIN SITUATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I CANNOT FAIL TO RECALL YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN. IN MY VIEW, THEY ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH YOUR EXPRESSED ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

THE BERLIN SITUATION HAS BEEN TENSE SINCE KHRUSHCHEV ON NOV. 10 DEMANDED AN END TO FOUR-POWER OCCUPATION OF THE CITY. HE HINTED THAT RUSSIA WOULD NO LONGER GUARANTEE WESTERN ACCESS TO THE CITY WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

EISENHOWER ADDED IN HIS MESSAGE TODAY:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REPEATS THAT, IN AN ATMOSPHERE DEVOID OF ANY KIND OF COERCION AND THREAT, IT WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF BERLIN IN THE WIDER FRAMEWORK OF THE WHOLE GERMAN PROBLEM AND EUROPEAN SECURITY.

"POSITIVE PROGRESS IN THIS SPECIFIC PROBLEM WOULD, I DEEPLY BELIEVE, GIVE REAL SUBSTANCE TO THE HOPE THAT 1959 WOULD WITNESS GREAT ADVANCES TOWARD THE GOAL OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE."

ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM KHRISHCHEV HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN AMERICA--ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLE AND ROUTED BY WAY OF THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING CO.

IN THAT GREETING, THE RED PREMIER SAID "THERE IS NO DISPUTED OR UNSETTLED ISSUE THAT COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS" IF THE PARTIES WANTED A SETTLEMENT.

HE WAS ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT BERLIN, ALTHOUGH AS LATE AS NOV. 27 HE HAD TALKED OF GIVING THE WESTERN ALLIES SIX MONTHS TO PULL THEIR TROOPS OUT. THE WESTERN BIG THREE REJECTED THIS POLITELY IN SIMILAR MESSAGES TO MOSCOW.

THE KHRUSHCHEV-VOROSHILOV MESSAGE REACHED EISENHOWER BY COMMERCIAL CABLE CHANNELS--RATHER THAN THROUGH THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC ROUTE--AS HE WAS WATCHING A FOOTBALL GAME ON TELEVISION.

OBVIOUSLY THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN EXPECTING SOME SUCH MESSAGE BECAUSE HIS REPLY WAS RELAYED QUICKLY TO NEWSMEN BY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY WITHIN A COUPLE OF HOURS.

HAGERTY HAD SAID EARLIER HE DID NOT EXPECT A PRESIDENTIAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE SOVIET LEADERS, WHO HAD BROADCAST A SIMILAR MESSAGE IN THE FORM OF A GREETING OVER MOSCOW RADIO.

IN EFFECT, EISENHOWER'S REPLY REAFFIRMED THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS NO INTENTION TO ACCEPT RUSSIA'S DEMAND THAT BERLIN BE MADE A "FREE CITY"--WHICH WOULD MEAN WESTERN WITHDRAWAL.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY ANNOUNCED THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES AT A PREVIOUSLY UNSCHEDULED NEWS CONFERENCE LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

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WITH GETTYSBURG IKE-RUSSIAN

MOSCOW, JAN.1 (AP)-WESTERN NOTES REJECTING THE KREMLIN'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF BERLIN HAVE BEEN MENTIONED NEITHER IN THE PRESS NOR ON THE RADIO IN THE SOVIET UNION. THEY WERE DELIVERED YESTERDAY.

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BY WARREN ROGERS JR.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 1 (AP)-RUSSIA AND THE WESTERN BIG THREE APPEARED TODAY TO BE EDGING CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD A FACE-SAVING WAY OUT OF THE NEW BERLIN CRISIS.

SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV TOUCHED OFF THE TENSION WITH A NOV. 10 SPEECH DEMANDING AN END TO FOUR-POWER OCCUPATION OF BERLIN. HE HINTED THAT RUSSIA WOULD NO LONGER GUARANTEE WESTERN ACCESS TO THE CITY WHICH IS LOCATED DEEP WITHIN COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY.

THEN IN A FORMAL NOTE ON THANKSGIVING DAY, HE PROPOSED THAT WEST BERLIN BE MADE A FREE CITY AND TOLD THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO PULL THEIR TROOPS OUT. HE GAVE THEM SIX MONTHS TO TALK IT OVER.

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO COMPOUNDED THE TENSION ON CHRISTMAS DAY. HE DECLARED ANY ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE WESTERN TROOPS IN ISOLATED BERLIN BY FORCE WOULD THREATEN A "BIG WAR" IMPERILING EVEN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

TODAY, IN A NEW YEAR'S DAY GREETING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, KHRUSHCHEV SEEMED TO BE EASING OFF. HE SAID:

"THERE IS NO DISPUTED OR UNSETTLED ISSUE THAT COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS PROVIDING, NATURALLY, ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED GENUINELY DESIRE TO DO SO. ON OUR PART, WE CAN SAY THAT WE DO HAVE SUCH DESIRE."

HIS STATEMENT, MADE TO THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, WAS INTERPRETED AS A POSSIBLE OLIVE BRANCH OFFERING.

IT CAME ON THE HEELS OF POLITE BUT FIRM U. S.-BRITISH-FRENCH NOTES TO THE KREMLIN YESTERDAY REJECTING HIS BERLIN PROPOSAL. IT WAS ALMOST AS IF THE PROPAGANDA-WISE KHRUSHCHEV ALREADY WAS TRYING TO START A GRACEFUL RETREAT.

KHRUSHCHEV'S RIGHT HAND MAN AND TROUBLE SHOOTER, DEPUTY PREMIER

ANASTAS I. MIKOYAN, IS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. U. S. OFFICIALS LOOK FORWARD TO MIKOYAN'S VISIT TO SEE IF IT MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER EASING OF THE TENSION, POSSIBLY EVEN TO AGREEMENT ON HIGH LEVEL BIG FOUR CONFERENCES.

UP TO LAST NIGHT, THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE HAD NO INKLING OF MIKOYAN'S IMPENDING VISIT. APPARENTLY, THE KREMLIN WAS ANXIOUS TO KEEP THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE FROM KNOWING THAT MIKOYAN HAD APPLIED FOR A VISA.

THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION HERE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MIGHT TRY TO MAKE IT APPEAR MIKOYAN WAS INVITED, SO AS TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF WEAKNESS ON THE PART OF THE KREMLIN.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ISSUED A BLANKET INVITATION TO SOVIET LEADERS EARLY LAST YEAR TO COME SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT AMERICA WAS LIKE.

THE SIMILAR U. S.-BRITISH-FRENCH NOTES, DELIVERED TO THE KREMLIN YESTERDAY:

1. DECLARED THE WESTERN BIG THREE WERE IN GERMANY BY RIGHT OF VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II; IF RUSSIA DEMANDED FULL CONTROL OF BERLIN, WHICH THE SOVIETS CAPTURED, THE WEST COULD DEMAND BACK THE ONE-THIRD OF EAST GERMANY WHICH IT CAPTURED AND THEN TURNED OVER TO RUSSIA UNDER EARLIER AGREEMENTS FOR OCCUPATION RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN.

2. REPEATED A SEPT. 30 OFFER TO HOLD A BIG FOUR CONFERENCE ON THE WHOLE GERMAN QUESTION--INCLUDING BERLIN'S FUTURE, GERMAN REUNIFICATION AND OVER-ALL EUROPEAN SECURITY. AN EARLY SOVIET RESPONSE WAS REQUESTED.

3. "ASSUMED" KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT MEAN TO ISSUE A SIX-MONTH ULTIMATUM BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE LIKE NEGOTIATING WITH A GUN AT THE WEST'S HEAD AND THE BIG THREE FLATLY REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO THAT.

4. CONTENDED RUSSIA IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE, UNDER 1944 AND 1945 AGREEMENTS, TO ADMINISTER EAST BERLIN AND TO GUARANTEE THE WEST FREE ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN.

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR FRIDAY AMS JAN. 2

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(ADVANCE)...BERLIN, JAN. 1 (AP)-PREMIER OTTO GROTEWOHL OF EAST GERMANY IS HEADING FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND INDIA THIS WEEKEND, TRYING TO PROMOTE HIS REGIME.

IT WILL BE GROTEWOHL'S FIRST TRIP OUTSIDE THE SOVIET BLOC OF NATIONS. HE IS DUE IN CAIRO SUNDAY, THEN WILL GO TO SYRIA, IRAQ, AND INDIA.

EVER SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1949, THE EAST GERMAN REGIME HAS BEEN EXISTING IN A CURIOUS DIPLOMATIC WORLD.

ONLY SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES--PLUS YUGOSLAVIA--HAVE GRANTED IT FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. BUT TRADE MISSIONS IN GUINEA, FINLAND, IRAQ, INDIA AND EGYPT HAVE CONSULAR RIGHTS.

DIPLOMATS IN WEST BERLIN BELIEVE THAT GROTEWOHL WILL TRY TO CONVINCE THE IRAQIS, INDIANS AND EGYPTIANS THAT THESE MISSIONS SHOULD BE RAISED TO EMBASSIES.

HIS CHANCES OF SUCCEEDING--AT LEAST IN INDIA AND EGYPT--ARE DOUBTFUL. WEST GERMANY HAS THREATNEED TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY THAT RECOGNIZES THE EAST GERMAN REGIME.

INDIA AND EGYPT ARE GOOD TRADING PARTNERS OF PROSPEROUS WEST GERMANY.

YUGOSLAVIA IN 1957 IGNORED WEST GERMAN THREATS AND ESTABLISHED AN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. THE WEST GERMANS BROKE OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS PROMPTLY AND CURTLY.

INDIAN OFFICIALS SAY GROTEWOHL WILL BE TREATED NOT AS A PRIME MINISTER, BUT AS A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR. BUT PRIME MINISTER NEHRU WILL, FOR THE SAKE OF COURTESY, GIVE HIM A LUNCHEON.

THE TRIP COINCIDES WITH A MUCH MORE SERIOUS AND CONCERTED DRIVE TO GET DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION FROM OTHER QUARTERS--FRANCE, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS DRIVE IS BEING SPARKED BY THE SOVIET PLAN TO GIVE THE EAST GERMANS FULL CONTROL OVER FRENCH, BRITISH AND AMERICA MILITARY TRAFFIC INTO WEST BERLIN.

THE EAST GERMANS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF TODAY THEY ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BERLIN ISSUE--WITH ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BARGAIN.

END ADVANCE FOR FRIDAY AMS OF JAN. 2--MOVED DEC. 31

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TAIPEI, JAN. 1 (AP)-A BLOODY UPRISING AGAINST THE COMMUNE SYSTEM BROKE OUT NOV. 3 IN THE VICINITY OF HOIFUNG, 85 MILES NORTHEAST OF HONG KONG, A NATIONALIST NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID MORE THAN 300 FARMERS WERE KILLED, MORE THAN 200 WOUNDED AND MORE THAN 500 ARRESTED BEFORE THE UPRISING WAS SUPPRESSED.

THE REPORT WAS CARRIED BY HSIN SHENG PAO, MOUTPIECE OF THE FORMOSA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. THERE WAS NO WAY OF CONFIRMING IT.

THE NEWSPAPER GAVE THIS ACCOUNT:

FARMERS IN A COMMUNE CENTERING AROUND THE VILLAGE OF SHANTOULIAO (MOUNTAIN HEAD HOUSE), NEAR HOIFUNG, WERE FORCED TO WORK AT LEAST 15 HOURS A DAY ON A DIET OF RICE GRUEL AND A LITTLE SALT FISH.

ON NOV. 3 MORE THAN 1,500 DISCONTENTED FARMERS SENT FIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL ON HUANG CHUNG-PING, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNE, TO APPEAL FOR BETTER TREATMENT.

HUANG BERATED THE DELEGATES AND ORDERED THEM OUT.

WHEN THE FARMERS HEARD OF THIS, THEY ATTACKED HUANG'S OFFICE AND KILLED HIM AND SEVEN OTHER COMMUNISTS.

THEY THEN DESTROYED THE OFFICE AND THE COMMUNES MESS HALL AND RAIDED AND PLUNDERED TWO FOOD DEPOTS.

COMMUNIST PUBLIC SECURITY GUARDS IN THE AREA-- A COMMUNIST VERSION OF HOME GUARDS-- TOOK NO ACTION TO SUPPRESS THE REVOLTERS.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL 10 DAYS LATER, ON NOV. 13, THAT COMMUNIST TROOPS ARRIVED, ENGAGED THE REBELS AND OVERWHELMED THEM.

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TOKYO, JAN. 1 (AP)-TIBET'S TOP RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE QUOTED BY PEIPING RADIO TODAY AS PLEDGING THEIR EFFORTS TO TURN THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN TERRITORY INTO A COMMUNIST STATE UNDER RED CHINA.

THE PROMISES WERE MADE IN NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO CHINESE BOSS MAO TZE-TUNG BY THE DALAI LAMA, TIBETAN SPIRITUAL LEADER, AND THE PANCHEN LAMA, THE BROADCAST SAID.

IT FAILED TO MENTION REPORTS OF CONTINUING WIDESPREAD RESISTANCE TO THE COMMUNISTS WHO INVADED TIBET IN 1950. THIS RESISTANCE FORCED PEIPING TO POSTPONE PLANS FOR INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNISM THERE.

THE DALAI LAMA, WHO HAD OPPOSED THE RED CHINESE OCCUPATION, WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD MAO:

"TO CONSOLIDATE THE SUCCESSES ALREADY GAINED, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR BEST EFFORTS IN STUDY AND WORK AND STRIVE HARD TO BUILD THE NEW TIBET AND GREAT SOCIALIST MOTHERLAND."

THE PANCHEN LAMA, ONCE CONSIDERED A RIVAL AND OPPONENT OF THE DALAI LAMA, REPORTEDLY PLEDGED TO FOLLOW COMMUNIST DIRECTIVES.

AN EARLIER BROADCAST SAID CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS HELD A NEW YEAR'S BANQUET IN LHASA, THE TIBETAN CAPITAL, FOR TIBETAN POLITICAL LEADERS.

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CAIRO, JAN. 1 (AP)-AN INFLUENTIAL CAIRO DAILY SAID TODAY THE DOOR IS CLOSED TO WESTERN PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HIGH ASWAN DAM.
MOHAMED HASSANEIN HEIKAL, EDITOR OF AL AHRAM, WHOSE THINKING FREQUENTLY REFLECTS THAT OF PRESIDENT NASSER, SAID AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE DAM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC IS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE FIRST STAGE WITH ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT.
THE EDITORIAL WAS PROMPTED BY REPORTS A MISSION IS COMING FROM WEST GERMANY THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT. THE PAPER SAID THE U.A.R. WOULD "WELCOME A MISSION OF EXPERTS BEING SENT BY BONN AND WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS WITH THEM EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE SINGLE QUESTION OF THE HIGH DAM."
THE SOVIETS ARE OFFERING FINANCE, EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTS FOR THE FIRST STAGE, WHICH INCLUDES BUILDING AN UPSTREAM COFFER DAM, SEVEN DIVERSION TUNNELS, A CONVERSION BASIN AND IRRIGATION AND LAND RECLAMATION. THIS WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FOUR YEARS.
THE SECOND STAGE WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT DAM 360 FEET HIGH, AND A LITTLE OVER TWO MILES LONG. PLUS ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS AND ADDITIONAL LAND RECLAMATION. SECOND STAGE PROJECTS ARE STILL OPEN TO BIDDERS.
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NIGHT LEAD RADIATION (220)
LOS ALAMOS, N.M., JAN. 1 (AP)-DOCTORS TODAY STARTED AN AUTOPSY ON A LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, KILLED BY RADIATION, IN AN EFFORT TO FIND CLUES WHICH MIGHT HELP ANY NEW VICTIM.
CECIL W. KELLEY, 38, DIED AT 3:15 A.M. TODAY FROM THE EFFECTS OF A MASSIVE OVERDOSE OF RADIATION TUESDAY WHILE HE WAS PREPARING PART OF A PLUTONIUM EXTRACTION PROCESS.
KELLEY TOLD BEFORE HE DIED THAT ALL HE KNEW OF THE MISHAP WAS A BLUI FLASH WHICH BLINDED HIM AS HE STARTED THE STIR OPERATION IN A 225-GALL(STEEL TANK.
~~THERE WERE NO WITNESSES AND NO EXPLOSIONS.~~
KELLEY WAS THE THIRD EMPLOYE OF THE LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATOR' KILLED BY RADIATION SINCE 1945.
DR. THOMAS SHIPMAN, HEAD OF THE HEALTH DIVISION OF THE LABORATORY, SAID "FOR SEVERE RADIATION INJURY OF THIS SORT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC TREATMENT."
HOWEVER, PHYSICIANS HAD PLANNED TO TRY A BONE MARROW TRANSFUSION TO REPLACE THE MARROW DESTROYED BY THE MORE THAN 1,000 ROENTGENS WHICH BOMBARDED KELLEY'S BODY.
OFFICIALS SAID THE MOST SUITABLE BONE MARROW IS AVAILABLE ONLY IN SWEDEN, BUT HURRIED TELEPHONE CALLS LOCATED A SUPPLY IN COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. A PHYSICIAN THERE WAS ASKED TO RUSH THE SHIPMENT TO LOS ALAMOS. KELLEY DIED BEFORE IT COULD ARRIVE.
LOS ALAMOS DECLINED TO NAME THE COOPERSTOWN PHYSICIAN, OR A TEXAS DOCTOR WHO WAS TO BE RUSHED HERE TO PERFORM THE OPERATION.
KELLEY, A VETERAN OF FAR EASTERN CAMPAIGNS IN WORLD WAR II, LEFT A WIDOW AND TWO CHILDREN, KEVIN, 1, AND LINDA, 8, AMONG HIS SURVIVORS.
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE DELAYED PENDING COMPLETION OF THE AUTOPSY
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LONDON, JAN.1 (AP)-BRITAIN MADE IT OFFICIAL TODAY: EXPORT OF NUCLEAR REACTORS IS BARRED TO RUSSIA AND RED CHINA.
THE ORDER APPEARED IN PRINT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LIST OF EMBARGOED GOODS PUBLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE.
BRITISH EXPORTERS READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH A SENSE OF SHOCK. NOBODY HAD REALIZED UNTIL NOW THERE WAS NOTHING LAID DOWN TO PREVENT NUCLEAR REACTORS GOING TO THE COMMUNIST BLOC.
"THE FACT IS," SAID A BOARD OF TRADE SPOKESMAN, "THAT NOBODY EVER THOUGHT OF PUTTING IT IN THE REGULATIONS BEFORE."
HE ADDED HASTILY "OF COURSE IF AN APPLICATION HAD BEEN MADE FOR A LICENSE TO EXPORT A NUCLEAR REACTOR TO THE COMMUNISTS, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GRANTED."
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LONDON, JAN. 1 (AP)-THE SUEZ FINANCE CO. SAID TODAY THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC HAS MADE ITS FIRST ANNUAL PAYMENT OF 29 MILLION POUNDS ($81,200,000) AS COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZING THE SUEZ CANAL.
A COMPANY SPOKESMAN SAID THE PAYMENT AMOUNTED TO 4,100,000 POUNDS ($11,480,000).
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LONDON, JAN. 1 (AP)-SIX THOUSAND DELEGATES AT A RED CHINESE AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS TODAY GAVE PRESIDENT TZE-TUNG A 10-MINUTE STANDING OVATION PEIPING RADIO SAID.
THE BROADCAST SAID THE CONGRESS HAD APPROVED MAO'S "WISE LEADERSHIP... WHICH HAD LED TO A HISTORIC VICTORY IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION DURING 1958 AND THE SETTING UP OF THE SYSTEM OF PEOPLES COMMUNES."
OUTSIDE CHINA, THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF DISCONTENT AMONG THE MILLIONS OF PEASANTS PRESSED INTO WORK BATTALIONS IN THE COMMUNES, UPROOTING FAMILY LIFE.
PEIPING SAID THE CONGRESS HAD DECIDED TO DOUBLE THE OUTPUT QUOTA OF THE COMMUNES IN 1959 AND REPORTED THE GRATITUDE OF THE CONGRESS TO MAO FOR BRINGING ABOUT AN IMPROVEMENT IN "OUR LIFE AND WELFARE."
THE RED CHINESE LEADER HAS MADE FEW PUBLIC APPEARANCES SINCE HIS RECENT DECISON TO RELINQUISH THE PRESIDENCY OF RED CHINA.
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